



# OTTERBEIN

TOWN BETWEEN TWO COUNTIES

*A place for family*

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104 E 2nd St, PO Box 215

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## Important Phone Numbers

Police	911 or 884-0080
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Republic/Allied Waste	477-9138
Streets and Water	583-3430

## Councilmen

Kevin Burk	404-1481
Ron Shoup	337-5876
Dirk Studebaker	574-551-2903
Doyle Allison	583-9481
Mac McKinney	583-2821

## Calendar February 2015

3rd	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
4th	Trash & Recycle
16th	Town Hall Closed
17th	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
18th	Trash & Recycle

## Otterbein Prairie Community Center

Tuesday night Euchre has been suspended  
for the months of February & March



## Valve and Hydrant Replacement Project



The Town of Otterbein, in conjunction with F&K Construction, will be working on replacing valves and fire hydrants. This could lead to a temporary discoloration of your water. In some instances, water service may be temporarily disrupted. If that is the case, you will receive a door hanger letting you know when this will occur. We will also be sending alerts via Nixle.

## Snow

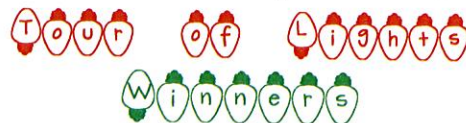
The Otterbein Town Council asks that anyone parking on a public street within the town be mindful of snow removal efforts. If a parked vehicle hampers or prevents snow removal by the town, the vehicle is subject to being removed / impounded by the Police Department.

Per Otterbein Town Code:

### *§ 74.15 SNOW REMOVAL; REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.*

*The proper officials of the town shall be authorized to remove any vehicle parked on such streets when so prohibited, in order to permit snow removal.*

## Otterbein Rotary Presents...



1st Place	Carol & Randall Hartley	412 E 1st St
2nd Place	Betsy & Kent Jones	307 E Sunset St
3rd Place Tie	Kris Perrigo	506 W Ventura
	Rick & Angela Ponto	105 E Peterson St



## Otterbein Street Festival

The Otterbein Street Festival Committee is looking for new ideas, new energy, new blood. If you're interested in keeping the festival alive and would be interested in being part of the festival or just helping out in any way you can. Join us for a planning meeting at the Otterbein Prairie Community Center Thursday, Feb 5th at 6pm.

If you can't make the meeting but are still interested  
call Tam Holder at 765-426-8448

**More News located on next page**





The Otterbein Rotary Club invites you  
To attend the Inaugural Formal



**Murder Mystery**

# *Masquerade*

**Dinner & Silent Auction**

**When:** Friday, February 20th

**Time:** 6pm-9pm

**Where:** Ravenwood Castle (aka: The Public Library)

**Why:** Proceeds benefit the Summer Reading Program

Join us for a semi-formal evening, with dinner catered by the Nite Owl. Bring a mask or make your own while the murder mystery unfolds throughout the evening. A great reason to get dressed up and enjoy a fantastic evening for a great cause.

Tickets are a minimum \$20 donation per person. Checks and Donations can be made out to the Otterbein Rotary Club.

Tickets are available at the Otterbein Public Library or the Town Hall and must be purchased by Friday, February 13th.

Questions or if you would like a role in the murder mystery, contact Lauren at 583-2107 and be sure to join the event on Facebook. [Facebook.com/otterbeinpl/events](https://www.facebook.com/otterbeinpl/events)



**Otterbein United Methodist Church**

is currently:



## Registering for Summer Camp

Ages: 5-12~Dates: May 26-August 11, 2015

Registration forms are available at the church or  
Online at [www.otterbeinumc.org](http://www.otterbeinumc.org) under Sumer Camp  
For more information call 765-583-4441

## Enrolling for Preschool 2015-2016 School Year

Pre-K Classes for those who will 4 years old by Aug 1, 2015  
Preschool Classes for those who will be 3 years old by Aug 1, 2015  
Registration forms are available at the church or  
Online at [www.otterbeinumc.org](http://www.otterbeinumc.org)  
For more information contact Amy Rudolph at 765-583-4441





## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

Council President Ron Shoup called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm with members Kevin Burk, Dirk Studebaker and Doyle Allison present; member Leon McKinney was absent.

Ron Shoup started out by commending the Street/Water Department for doing such a good job with the snow removal. They are aware there were some missed alleys but overall thought they did a great job. Kevin asked that Billy contact the State Highway Department and request that they pay extra attention to the entrances, into Otterbein, from 52.

In regards to the Election of Officers, Dirk Studebaker made the motion to nominate Kevin Burk as President and Ron Shoup as Vice President. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council held the hearing on Water Disconnects. No residents were present for the hearing. Ron Shoup made the motion to approve shut off for those on the Disconnect List. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dirk Studebaker made the motion to use the Benton Review and the Journal & Courier as the papers used to advertise notices, for 2015. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

With no corrections or additions, to the December 2014 Minutes presented, Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the December 2014 Minutes as written. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor. Kevin Burk read the Summary of Claims presented for a total of \$83,013.61. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Superintendent, Billy Walker, was not present for any reports or requests.

Clerk Treasurer, Treeva Sarles, went through the 2014 Financial Report with the Council. She gave an update on the utility financial review, the financial advisor will be present at the February 3, 2015 meeting. Treeva informed the Council that the Grant Writer, Shannon McLeod, will be here next week to work on the paperwork for the Rural Development financing for the Street Lighting Project.

Treeva informed the Council that we have a seat on the KIRPC and the Fire Department boards and would anyone like to serve. All declined.

Kevin Burk would like to find out if we have an ordinance on snow routes. Due to the number of cars parked on Oxford and Main St, during the large snowfall, he would like to get signs to mark Oxford St and Main St as a snow route.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Doyle Allison made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with members, Ron Shoup, Dirk Studebaker and Doyle Allison present; member Leon McKinney was absent.

Due to the freezing temperatures, water utility disconnections could not take place after the January 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The Council held another hearing on Water Disconnects. No residents were present for the hearing. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to approve shut off, for those currently on the Disconnect List. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Kevin Burk read the Summary of Claims presented for a total of \$74,997.55. Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Superintendent Billy Walker discussed, with the Council, a wastewater training opportunity. He had three possible training facilities to choose from. The options were: Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, IN for \$850; Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth, IN for \$450 or Muncie, IN for \$625. The Council approved the training for \$450 in Plymouth, IN. Ron asked Billy to look into getting some cold patch and fixing the holes in town. Kevin Burk asked him to get more information on a, company manufactured, brine machine and utilizing beet juice.

Town Marshal George Frantz presented the Council with a map showing 9 posted snow route signs. All are located on Oxford St except for 1 located on Main Street. The signs prohibit parking after 2 or more inches. The current Otterbein Ordinance refers to snow removal in conjunction with the removal of vehicles. The Council was concerned with the fact that people were not moving their cars on those streets, causing problems with the plowing efforts. Billy reported that the biggest problem they had was on Oxford Street in front of the school. Cars parked on one side and buses parked on the other. He said, other than that, they really didn't have any problems plowing. George will work, with Betsy, on getting something added to the newsletter. George explained that on January 9, 2015 a stop sign post at Meadow and Oxford was damaged. George knows who the offender is and mentioned that he was willing to pay for the damage. George gave the Council other options on how the situation can be handled. He felt paying for damages was sufficient and the Council agreed.

Ron Shoup explained to the other Council members that during a repair to the Community Center, termites had been found. A proposal for termite treatment was obtained from Reliable Exterminators. Ron feels that since the building actually belongs to the Town, the Town should be responsible for paying the exterminator costs. The other members agreed. However, they would like to get another proposal. Ron will get another proposal from Fowler Pest Control.

In Other business, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Jones presented a proposed map with route and intersection closures on behalf of, Katy Tolen, the Treasurer of the Otterbein PTO. They're planning a 5k and 1k fun run, through Otterbein, in April. Council felt there were too many variables and they would like Katy to address the Council before they approve anything listed in the document.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Doyle Allison made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.